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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 118G and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, as amended, the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy ("Division") will hold a public hearing on Friday, September 25, 2009 at 10:00 AM at Two Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 relative to the adoption of:

114.4 CMR 11.00: RATES FOR CERTAIN PLACEMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The proposed regulation, effective October 1, 2009, is a purchase of service regulation proposed under Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008, which requires that the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health And Human Services promulgate class rate regulations for purchased services. The regulation implements rates for two different residential placement services, Intensive Foster Care (IFC) and Enhanced Intensive Foster Care (EIFC), purchased by the Department of Children and Families. To develop these rates, the Division reviewed the Department of Children and Families program model and the providers' 2008 UFR data. Based on that review, the Division is proposing the following rates, which include a support amount and a stipend for the foster parent or family: IFC Skill Level One, \$100.94 per day; IFC Additional Sibling, \$25.10 per day; IFC Teen Parent, \$126.04 per day, Enhanced IFC, \$171.74 per day.

The Division is proposing these amendments to ensure that these services and rates are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. We anticipate no fiscal impact on municipalities.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments on these amendments. All persons desiring to be heard on this matter are hereby notified to appear at the designated time and place. Persons intending to speak will be afforded an early opportunity to testify if the Division receives notice by 5 PM on Thursday, September 24, 2009. All others will be heard subsequently. Written comments may be sent to Two Boylston Street, Boston MA 02116. Copies of the regulation are available for inspection and/or purchase at the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, Two Boylston Street, Boston MA 02116 or you can access them free of charge in the Regulations section of the Division's web site located at www.mass.gov/dhcfp.